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1. A large sugar refinery is being constructed in the Korce region, in the area of Lake Maliq, which has been drained. The plans were drawn by Soviet engineers, who are also directing the construction work. The Albanian State Enterprise "INDERTESA", under the direction of Soviet technicians, has undertaken to complete the refinery.
2. Ceremonies at the inauguration of work on the factory were held on 14 May 1949. According to the plan, the entire project should be completed in 1951.
3. The construction of this refinery, the entire site of which consists of approximately 40 acres, is based on Soviet aid to Albania. The expenditures for the years 1949 and 1950 are expected to reach 205,000,000 lek.
4. A housing project for the workers and their families will be started around the refinery and is to cover approximately 53 acres. It is estimated that there will be about 500 workers.
5. The lumber required for the erection of the refinery and the housing project is being brought from the Strelce region, near Korce.
6. It is estimated that the annual production of the refinery will amount to 10,000 tons of sugar. The production of this refinery and that of the refinery already in operation at Korce will meet the entire sugar requirements for all of Albania, and it will no longer be necessary to import any sugar.
7. The raw material for the Lake Maliq refinery will be sugar beets. Almost all the area of the lake which has been drained and still to be drained will be used for the cultivation of sugar beets. At the beginning of 1948 the Albanian Government began propaganda among the peasants for the cultivation of sugar beets. At first seed for sugar beets was imported from Yugoslavia, but later it was brought from Bulgaria and Czechoslovakia. This was divided up and sold to the peasants of the Devoli-Maliq areas.

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8. In 1949 the Tirana Government sought to meet the requirements of the refinery operating in Korce, and also wanted the peasants to acquire the necessary experience in the cultivation of sugar beets. Therefore the Government imposed the cultivation of them on the following villages: Podgori, Pooest, Pulahe, Zvezda, Zemblak, Rojan, Bulgarec, Voskopoje, Maliq, and others in the Devoli-Maliq regions. According to the official State Plan, in 1949 there were to be approximately 3,600 acres of land devoted to the cultivation of sugar beets, and this was supposed to yield 20,250,000 kilograms of sugar beets.
9. The peasants are obliged to turn over the entire production to the management of the refinery in operation at Korce, after previously having signed contracts therefor with the refinery. Despite the pressure exercised by the Government's agents in 1949, contracts were signed for only approximately 3,192 acres. Subsequently, because of the opposition of the peasants and despite threats and persecution, only approximately 2,930 acres were finally sown. On the basis of the calculations of the State Plan, the production will amount to 16,000,000 kilograms. This quantity, in accordance with the terms of the contracts, should have been delivered to the refinery warehouses at Korce by 25 November 1949. The amount of sugar beets actually delivered did not amount to 50 per cent. Because of the indifference in the peasants, the bad weather conditions, and the lack of adequate means of transport, large quantities of sugar beets spoiled. By the end of December 1949 only 7,000,000 kilograms of sugar beets had been delivered to the refinery at Korce.

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